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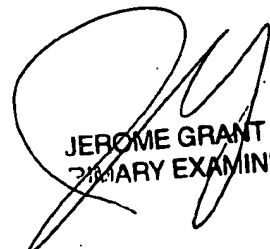
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 4-11-2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

Claims 38-40 as intended are submitted
in error. The examiner corrected this by remembering
(see Examiner's Amendment) by remembering
~~the~~ claims "38-40". Applicant filed a 312 which
re-introduced the error.

The examiner responds subsequently to not
enter the order of the amendment after claim
38 (first occurrence).


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